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**Swans Island Man Sentenced for Receiving Firearms While Under Indictment**

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Shaun G. Lemoine**, 26, of Swans Island, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, on January 17, 2007 to 18 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, and a \$1000.00 fine, for receiving firearms while he was under indictment. Lemoine had pleaded guilty to the charges on September 21, 2006.

Under federal law, it is illegal for a person to obtain a firearm while he or she is under indictment, even if that indictment is pending in a state court. In June 2006, Lemoine was indicted by the State of Maine for burglary, which is a felony. While the state indictment was pending, Lemoine purchased seven firearms.

The Department of Justice developed a national initiative known as Project Safe Neighborhoods, aimed at combating gun violence in Maine. As part of this program, prosecutions such as this are made possible through the hard work and collaboration of state and federal agencies.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Violent Crime Task Force.

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